

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY
SENATE - MAY 14, 1965

The University Senate met at 2 pm, May 14, 1965, Acting President Colclough presiding.

Mr. Wood requested that page three of the minutes of the April 9th meeting be amended to read "receive" rather than "adopted" in the case of the Peter Hill resolution. On motion seconded, these minutes were amended as requested and approved.

The minutes of the Special Meeting on April 30, 1965 were on motion seconded, approved as written.

Mr. Eastin, Chairman of the Committee on Admissions and Advanced Standing presented the annual report of his Committee and requested that the report be approved by the University Senate for transmittal to the faculties of the Schools and Colleges concerned. On motion, seconded, the University Senate approved the request for transmittal.

The Acting President stated that Vice President Brown could not attend the meeting as he was presiding at The American Assembly being held at Airlie House.

Mr. Ledakis, Chairman of the Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom, asked that in view of the lengthy agenda, the Preliminary Report of his Committee be postponed until the Senate reconvened in October. Upon the request of Mr. Kraus, retiring Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. Ledakis sketched briefly some of the concerns of his Committee's proposed report among which were: "academic responsibility of faculty members" in such matters as a) the Reichard case, b) late notice of intention to resign, c) tenure, etc. He stressed the faculty member's responsibility to the University in his "extra-mural utterances", sufficient notice of leaving, "moonlighting," participation in political activities, consultantship positions, appropriate expressions of opinions in classrooms, etc.

Mr. Stevens then inquired about the current state of some of the matters of Senate business such as on page three of the minutes of April 9th, 1965 in the Kraus resolution, which states, "It (the Senate) hopes that there will be appropriate consultation of the Board with the Senate Committee." The Presiding Officer stated that this matter could not be dealt with until it is brought before the Board of Trustees which next meets on June 5, 1965. Mr. Stevens further inquired whether the report of the Deans, "Basic Considerations, etc." had been released to Senate members as requested in the minutes of April 9th in the recommendations of the Committee, paragraph "a" and the Presiding Officer stated that it was still in the hands of the University Objectives Committee which had been using it as a basis for its own report.

Mr. Reesing, Chairman of the University Objectives Committee stated that the report was "essentially complete" except for the minority statement from the College of General Studies.

Mr. Reesing, Chairman of the University Objectives Committee, then brought a policy matter in the College of General Studies to the attention of the Senate. This concerned the publication of a flyer describing a course, "Preservation of the Principles of Freedom" being offered for graduate credit by the College of General Studies and co-sponsored by the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Mr. Reesing stated that both he and Mr. Robert H. Walker, Professor of American Thought and Civilization, were very much concerned about it on the bases: 1) its ambiguity, 2) that before a new course is initiated, consultation with all related disciplines should be held, and none had been in this matter, 3) that granting of graduate credit for courses should be approved by the appropriate faculty. Mr. Reesing reported that the matter had been referred to the Dean of Faculties in company with whom, he had visited Assistant Dean Brown's Office in the College of General Studies. Assistant Dean Brown stated that Assistant Dean Eller had instituted the course through the School of Education and through whom graduate credit was to be granted. The matter was now in the hands of the School of Education whose report had not as yet been received. After some further discussion of the matter and Mr. Wood's reading of Mr. Walker's expression of alarm about the flyer described, it was the sense of the Senate that the matter should rest until the report was received from the School of Education. Mr. Heller thanked Mr. Reesing for bringing the matter to the attention of the Senate.

Mr. Kraus, the retiring Chairman of the Executive Committee, then addressed the Senate. He spoke of the need for continuity in memberships of the Executive Committee as well as the Standing Committees in order to facilitate and expedite their work. Mr. Kraus mentioned that Mr. Wood, the new Chairman, was the only remaining member from the retiring committee. He stated his appreciation of the spirit of cooperation which had grown between Committees and other members of the Senate with the faculty and the administration. He said that "personal animosities and antagonisms" had not marred his tenure of office and had proven that all such feelings could be, and had been, confined within "the bounds of courtesy and comfort". Mr. Seidelson then moved the attached resolution of appreciation of Mr. Kraus' chairmanship. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried and the Senate accorded Mr. Kraus a standing ovation.

The Presiding Officer introduced Mr. Lee Cochran, Architect, from the firm of Perkins and Will to describe the Long-Range Land-Use Plan of the University which had been enthusiastically approved by the National Capital Planning Commission. Mr. Cochran briefly presented some long-range statistics upon which the plan had been based. These included rising ratios between space in terms of square feet required per student in 1963, in 1975, and in 1985 for total teaching needs, exclusive of living arrangements. He listed the provisions which had been made for: 1) a student center, 2) recreational space, 3) a Law Library, 4) rental space in two "commercial ventures" one of which was to be used

by the National Academy of Science, 5) a science center 6) a Medical Center with the Medical School on campus, 7) a new Library, 8) 8) distributed additional space available around the campus for classrooms, laboratories, Law School expansion, School of Education expansion, etc., 9) street closures, 10) pedestrian malls. Mr. Cochran closed by saying that the "image" of the University would never be that of a suburban open campus but rather of a "University in the city, of the city and part of the neighborhood."

Mr. Reuben Wood then assumed the Chairmanship of the Executive Committee.

On motion, seconded and carried, the attached amendment to Section III, 5(a), of the Faculty Organization Plan was approved.

Mr. Reuben Wood, Chairman of the Executive Committee, then addressed the Senate. He stated that he would be on leave of absence during the Spring semester and that he had told the nominating committee of this contingency, but that in the interest of some measure of continuity in the Executive Committee, he had accepted the nomination. He requested that all committee final reports be ready for the April meeting next Spring in accordance with the amendment to the Faculty Organization Plan to this effect.

Mr. Wood then commented briefly on some of the matters that should constitute the work of the Senate:

1. The Senate should take primary responsibility for implementing the recommendation of its Committee on University Objectives part of which was "that the faculty participate fully and continuously in every stage of the formal preparations of the University's academic plan."

2. Through adoption of the report and recommendations of its Ad Hoc Committee on Athletics, the Senate has assumed the obligation to exert its influence in support of these recommendations.

3. Because of the increase in our resident student body as well as because of an apparently nationwide increment in student interest, expressiveness, activity, and desire to participate in or at least to be heard with respect to University as well as with respect to broader political and social problems, the Senate's Student Relationships Committee will have an increasing load to carry and an increasing opportunity for service.

4. The Senate through its Physical Facilities Committee should be given and should play a more active role in problems dealing with the physical facilities of the University. What this role should be is stated in the 1965 annual report of the Committee and in the concurring statement of Professor Arthur Miller.

5. More than one specific assignment to the 1965-66 Educational Policy Committee is implied in the annual report of its predecessor. One of these refers to the College of General Studies and aspects of its relationship to the rest of the University. The report says: "The Committee feels, however, that it cannot make specific and definitive recommendations. . . until the College of General Studies has completed the report that it is now preparing on all aspects of the functions, staffing and operations of the College.

The Committee, therefore has reluctantly concluded that it must defer its first report on the College until the College's own findings are available, probably next Fall. It recognizes, at the same time, the urgency of preparing and submitting such a report. . . ."

6. The Senate has adopted and has had transmitted to the Board of Trustees a resolution proposed by its committee on Appointments, Salary and Promotion Policies calling, among other things, for the establishment of specified minimum salary scales. The Board has not so far seen fit to act affirmatively on this matter. The Senate and the Committee will continue to work to bring about such affirmative action.

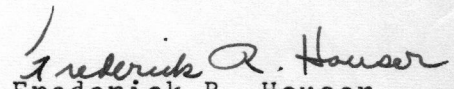
7. The faculty is probably in general agreement that the evaluation of teaching and the maintenance and raising of teaching and course-content quality, is not primarily the responsibility of nor entirely within the capability of students. Nor is the administration well-qualified alone to do these things. Yet is it urgent that they be done. Although it is not an easy assignment, it is the faculty itself that must work out and largely carry out these functions. The Senate with its committee on Faculty Performance and Development must seek effective procedures to achieve the desired ends.

8. Finally, a number of the RECOMMENDATIONS of the Faculty Organization Plan Review Committee concern the University Senate. These include recommendations that a) The Senate propose standing rules of procedure for itself and for the Faculty Assembly; (b) that the Faculty Organization have a budget and its own office; (c) that a Senate committee on Gifts, Endowments, Resources and Finance be established; and (d) that procedures be worked out so that a summary of Senate proceedings can be transmitted to members of the faculty much more promptly than is now the usual case.

In concluding his remarks, Mr. Wood expressed appreciation of the services of the retiring members of the 1964-65 Executive Committee, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Seidelson, Mr. Wise and Mr. Fox.

Acting President Colclough announced that Secretary of State Dean Rusk will speak at the June Commencement. He also reported that the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the Middle States Association had extended the time of the visit to the Spring 1967 to consider the University's self-evaluation study.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.


Frederick R. Houser
Secretary

SUGGESTED PROCEDURE TO IMPLEMENT
THE LAST SENTENCE OF SECTION
III, 5(a) of the
FACULTY ORGANIZATION PLAN

In any emergency in which it is not possible to assemble a quorum of the Executive Committee, the available member or members shall have the power to designate as temporary replacements any other members of the Senate.